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THE WEATHER

Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem 55	18-27	17-26
Nahariya 51	17-26	15-25
Safed 48	17-27	15-23
Tiberias 38	23-35	22-33
Nazareth 40	21-31	20-29
Afula 40	21-31	20-29
Shimon 47	20-27	19-26
Tel Aviv 62	22-29	21-28
Lod Airport 60	22-29	21-28
Jericho 36	22-26	21-25
Gaza 72	31-39	30-38
Beer-Sheva 46	24-32	23-31
Eilat 48	24-32	23-31
Tiran Straits 51	26-37	25-36

Social and Personal

Japanese Ambassador Kazuhide Komuro, U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating, and U.S. Senator Joseph Biden (Delaware) on Friday called on Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Senator Biden also called on Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and visited the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre in Jerusalem.

A reunion of alumnae of Yeshiva University's Women Teachers' Institute will be held today at Machon Gold, 26 Rehov Haturim, Jerusalem, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Prof. Marian Muskat, of Tel Aviv University, has been awarded a prize by the World through Law International Conference now being held at Abidjan, Ivory Coast, for his study on Africa's Impact on the World Community.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cohen, President of Amplex-American Israel Corporation, for a visit on behalf of the Corporation. (BY El Al)

DEPARTURES

Mr. Moshe Rivlin, Director-General of the Jewish Agency, for London, where he will attend the meeting of the Agency's English executive.

Mr. Jacob Stein, President of the U.S. Conference of Presidents of the Jewish Organizations, for London, after a brief visit to Israel. (BY El Al)

Mr. Abraham Sharit, of the Manufacturers Association, for South Africa, on business. (BY El Al)

Soviets detain woman who wants to immigrate

TEL AVIV. — A Soviet Jewish woman, Raiza Esterman, is being held in custody by the K.G.B. in an attempt to force her and her daughter's family to cancel their applications to emigrate to Israel. This was learned by the woman's son and daughter-in-law, who have been in Israel for about three months.

Mrs. Esterman's daughter is married to former U.S.S.R. tennis champion David Brodetsky.

Mr. Phillip Esterman, 49, telephoned his son, Gary, in Tel Aviv from Moscow Thursday. He said he, his wife Raiza, 48, their daughter Assiya Brodetsky and her husband David were arrested by the K.G.B. on August 20 after they had applied for permission to emigrate to Israel. The Brodetskys were released a few days later but Mrs. Esterman is still being held.

Mr. Esterman pleaded with his son to do all he can to get the family to Israel. (Itim)

Ashkelon man dies of crash injuries

ASHKELOH. — A Kupat Holim worker died on Friday from injuries suffered in a road accident two days earlier.

Daniel Yosef, 61, a medical orderly at Kupat Holim in Ashkelon, died in the local hospital. He had been driving into Ashkelon from the south when, observers said, a truck coming in the opposite direction skidded into Yosef's lane and met his car head-on.

Yosef had been active in Mapai and Rafi politics in Ashkelon, to which he came in 1950 from Iraq. A large crowd attended the funeral.

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ANNOUNCES

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HAMA'ARACH/ISRAEL LABOUR PARTY — MAPAM, JERUSALEM DISTRICT

The gathering to be attended by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, which was due to take place at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, September 2, in Jerusalem, at the Labour Party Offices, 62 Rehov Yafa, has been postponed until further notice.

Israeli Labour Party, Jerusalem

WALDHEIM HINTS HE MAY TAKE OVER FOR JARRING

By ZEEV SCHUL

JERUSALEM Post Reporter
LOD AIRPORT.—U.S. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, ending a 31-hour visit to Israel, told a press conference here that the Jarring mission still exists, and implied that he himself might try to get it going again.

Speaking to the press and television, local and international, in the terminal restaurant here, Dr. Waldheim said: "You know that the Jarring mission still exists... But the question of how to proceed further and who should do it... cannot be decided today" but only after he finishes his Mideast swing.

"I personally am trying to be helpful."

Dr. Waldheim also admitted, for the first time, that the Jarring mission was created in 1971, calling for an Israeli commitment to withdraw prior to negotiations, had caused difficulties "and it was for this reason that Jarring could not make progress in his mission."

Following the press conference, Dr. Waldheim descended to his waiting two-engine Dassault Falcon executive jet bearing the blue and white insignia of the U.N. on its tail fin.

The plane was airborne at 3.45 p.m., sweeping eastward in a wide arc in direct flight to Cairo Airport. (The U.N. had reached an agreement permitting direct flights from Israel from September 1, and advanced the arrangement by one day for Dr. Waldheim.)

Dr. Waldheim had earlier held an unscheduled meeting with Foreign Minister Abba Eban, and had taken his leave of Ambassador Yosef Tekoah and Foreign Ministry officials. After the press conference, he walked down a red carpet, shook hands all round, and climbed quickly up the few steps into the interior of the low-slung U.N. jet.

BLUNT MRS. MEIR

In his preamble to the press conference, Dr. Waldheim had voiced his appreciation of Israeli hospitality and also hinted that he had been subjected to a typical no-holds-barred briefing by the blunt-spoken Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir. "I am grateful to the Prime Minister for her frankness and openness," Dr. Waldheim said, adding: "I think that the talks we held were useful and will help me after my return to determine in what manner the United Nations, and I as Secretary-General, can contribute to bring about a solution to the problem."

He stressed that his Middle East tour was undertaken "on my own behalf as Secretary-General of the United Nations."

Replying to questions, Dr. Waldheim said that a wide range of aspects and possibilities had been discussed in the talks but that he did not feel at liberty to divulge details before visiting Cairo and Amman.

Dr. Waldheim said he will not be carrying any direct message with him from Israel to any of the Arab leaders—he is about to meet. "But naturally I will refer to the talks I had here — inform them of my impressions, of the attitude of the Israeli Government, measure their reactions and see how we can make progress."

He said he had not expected to conclude his visit with any clear solution to the conflict in mind. What he had hoped to achieve was a general clarification of positions and he still hoped to be able to contribute toward a solution "in my own way" after his return to New York.

Time and again Dr. Waldheim asked the press to excuse him for not going into further details of the conversations. "We want to get out of the present deadlock. So please understand that these are very delicate subjects."

He said the Israelis had repeatedly expressed their desire for peace to him, but it was precisely because of the differences in approach between the conflicting sides that he was on his present mission.

In a subsequent press conference given by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Eban said that the declared purpose of Dr. Waldheim's visit had been to learn more of the policies and positions of the governments concerned. The Foreign Minister believed that this had been achieved.

Mr. Eban stressed the wide range of the subjects discussed, in-

cluding energy and its possible reflections on the Middle East, the plight of Soviet Jews, and the cease-fire. "As I understand it (Waldheim's position) he is not engaged in a state of operative mediation," he said.

Asked whether he thought Dr. Waldheim would bring the Middle East nearer to peace, Mr. Eban said that this task should not be entrusted to "others." "What is necessary is for the Arab governments to cease their policy of re-

fusing to negotiate and desist from imposing preconditions. If they do that, I am certain that they will find the means of contact and communication with us."

The Secretary-General's earlier contacts with Syrian and Lebanese leaders had shed no new light on the situation but had provided additional details, Mr. Eban said.

His assessment of the Waldheim trip: "While modest-sounding in its declared purpose, it was a very important mission."

Ministry sources added that Mr. Eban also discussed the relationship which had grown up in recent years between Israel and the Arabs of the areas.

Earlier, the Secretary General made a private visit to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity.

A military helicopter carried Dr. Waldheim over Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Netanya, and then to the Jordan Valley and north Galilee on Friday, delivering him at noon to Kibbutz Ayelet Hashahar. The Secretary-General, in a helicopter, showed his hosts — Dov Heshkol and Gad Opat, both of whom hold senior positions in the kibbutz — with questions about kibbutz life, social and economic conditions and education.

Before departing, Dr. Waldheim asked to see the synagogue, and there he donned a skullcap, correcting an earlier faux pas made at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem on Thursday.

Dr. Waldheim held a working session with Mr. Eban and senior officials at the Foreign Ministry, on Friday morning. It lasted nearly two hours.

'JERUSALEM THE CAPITAL'

Waldheim retracts; Eban denies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Waldheim's reference to Jerusalem as "your capital," at the dinner given in his honour by Mr. Eban on Thursday evening, and Mr. Eban's comments on that reference, proved embarrassing to both statesmen.

Dr. Waldheim readily admitted the next morning that "in an impromptu response to a toast, I did, inadvertently, use this customary form of words. The position of the United Nations concerning the status of Jerusalem is clearly stated in a number of resolutions and is reflected in numerous reports, including my recent report to the Security Council of May 18 on the Middle East question. Obviously it was not my intention to deviate from that position."

The Jerusalem Post wrote on Friday that Mr. Eban commented after the dinner: "Dr. Waldheim's use of the phrase 'your capital' was not inadvertent."

On Friday, Mr. Eban was asked at a Lod airport press conference to comment again on Dr. Waldheim's reference to Jerusalem. He replied as follows: "I was misquoted because I said nothing whatsoever, and the person who published that wasn't even there, unless he had some mysterious electronic devices."

The Jerusalem Post was not at the dinner to hear Mr. Eban's remark nor did it use any electronic devices. It used the material from a foreign pressman's "pool story," issued through the facilities of the Government Press Office, which read: "Privately Mr. Eban expressed pleasure at Waldheim's reference to Jerusalem as Israel's capital. He said the remark appeared to be 'not inadvertent.'"

The "pool story" was written by two pressmen who last night confirmed that this is exactly what Mr. Eban told them, after the dinner was over.

ELECTION NOTES

A group of Liberal mayors last night started exerting pressure on members of the projected centrist bloc (Likud) to renounce negotiations with the Free Centre. The mayors acted after a meeting at the home of Ramat Gan Mayor Israel Peled.

Unrest appeared to be spreading throughout the Liberal Party over its unquestioning acceptance of the dictates of Herut Chairman Menachem Begin, which caused the collapse of the Likud talks on Thursday. Ariel Sharon appeared to be playing an active role in behind-the-scenes activities.

Sources in the Land of Israel Movement said yesterday that their leaders would join only in a full-fledged centrist bloc and not in an enlarged version of the Herut-Liberal bloc. And Herut leader Ezer Weizman said yesterday that he had ceased political activity and would not renew it outside the framework of the Likud.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon has complained bitterly that ex-Mapai politicians are undermining the Histadrut election campaign, particularly about what he feels is the premature launching of the Tel Aviv mayoralty campaign by Mayor Yehoshua Rubinitz.

Ex-Ahdut Ha'avoda sources charged Gush politicians controlling the election campaign with shoveling money from the Histadrut campaign to Tel Aviv in the hope that a drop in the Alignment vote would enable them to prevent Mr. Ben-Aharon's re-election.

The charges are dismissed as

CORRECTION

The book "The Jewish Press that Was," describing the European Jewish press destroyed by the Nazis, was edited by Mr. Yehuda Gotthelf. (Itim) incorrectly reported last week that Mr. Gotthelf had shared the task with Messrs. Shalom Rosenfeld, Mordechai Tzanin and David Flinker.

THE SHILOAH insurance company, now marking its 40th anniversary, reports that its life insurance portfolio is expected to reach IL400m. by the end of 1973.

U.S. denies oil threat by Saudia

WASHINGTON (INA). — Saudi Arabia has not informed the U.S. Government of a decision to cut back its oil exports or halt expansion of production, the State Department said Friday.

King Faisal warned in a television interview released yesterday that "the complete support" of Zionism against the Arabs by the U.S. would make it "extremely difficult" for Saudi Arabia to continue supplying petroleum to the U.S.

State Department spokesman Paul Hare made his statement on King Faisal about the time Saudi Arabian Ambassador Ibrahim al-Sowayel called on the acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East Roger Davis. The State Department declined to discuss the nature of the visit except to say it was at the Ambassador's request.

However, it was indicated King Faisal's warning in the interview was thought to have been formally conveyed by the envoy.

J'lem sides win friendly soccer games

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Although soccer still languishes in the summer heat, a number of pre-season friendly matches were played yesterday. The most interesting result was returned by Jerusalem Hapoel, 6:0 away winners at Kiryat Shmona.

Veteran Zvi Singal cracked in three goals. The others came from Avraham Mizrahi, Zion Turjeman and Ezra Rahamin.

The second Jerusalem national league side, Jerusalem Betar, also headed Shimon 2:1. Victor Levy and Shalom Avitan, newly signed from Beersheba Hapoel, were the Betar scorers, with international Gideon Damti getting Shimon's goal.

Petah Tikva Hapoel and Tel Aviv Maccabi played to an unimpressive 1:1 draw in Petah Tikva. Uri Suleiman gave Maccabi the lead after 20 minutes and Yehoshua Shmuel levelled for the home club just before halftime.

Acre Hapoel scored a 3:0 win over National League side Haifa Maccabi. The goals were scored by the Assayeg brothers, Zion, 2, and Shalom.

Ten goals were scored in Kfar Saba, where the local Hapoel trounced Tel Aviv Hapoel 7:3. Israel Vogel and Avraham Marchinsky each scored two goals with Yacov Ginsburg adding the 7th. Yoni Zelikovsky, two, and Yehoshua Hazum were the Tel Aviv scorers.

RESULTS

Petah Tikva Hapoel 1, Tel Aviv Maccabi 1; Kiryat Shmona 2, Haifa Maccabi 0; Acre Hapoel 3, Haifa Maccabi 0; Kiryat Shmona Hapoel 0, Jerusalem Hapoel 0; Jerusalem Betar 2, Shimon 1; Beersheba Hapoel 0, Kiryat Shmona Hapoel 0; Petah Tikva Maccabi 4, Haifa Hapoel 0; Kfar Saba Hapoel 3, Tel Aviv Hapoel 1.

GOLF RESULTS

CANSAABA. In yesterday's monthly medal golf competition, the "A" Division was won by Stanley Jones of Ramat Gan with a net 72. Runner-up, also on 72 but losing on the back nine, was Vernon Gad of Haifa.

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In deep sorrow, we announce the sudden death of our mother,

RUTH FRIEDMAN

Reisel daughter of Rabbi Haim

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, September 2, at 5 p.m., in the Sanhedria Cemetery.

The Shiva will be at the Friedman residence, 33 Rehov Rabbi Theodore Friedman, Rabbi Hillel Friedman, Naomi Meir, Buenos, Yehudit Spritzer, Jer.

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RABBI THEODOR FRIEDMAN
and his family on the sudden death of his beloved

RUTH

We mourn the sudden death of

RUTH FRIEDMAN

the dear wife of our colleague and friend **RABBI TOVIA FRIEDMAN**

May God comfort the bereaved family

United Synagogues
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With deep sorrow we announce, after a long the death of our beloved

VIKTOR FRISCHAUER

The cortege will leave from the Municipal Funeral Home Dafna, today, September 2, 1973, at 5 p.m. Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Niece: Mara Klagsbald (née)

Bus transportation from Rehov Dafna.

Our beloved

RECHA ELLERN

has passed away after a long illness.

The funeral will leave today, Sunday, September 3, from the Municipal Funeral Parlor, 5 Rehov Dafna, Kiryat Shaul Cemetery. Transport will be provided.

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RAMI

will take place at the conclusion of the shloshim, September 4 at 4 p.m., in the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

Lea and Ott

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MEIR DENOUNCES ICAO REBUKE AS 'HYPOCRISY'

Longer delay, fewer areas returned'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ASHELOT YA'ACOV. — Prime Minister Golda Meir said Friday that the longer the Arabs refuse to make peace with Israel, the more territory Israel will insist on holding onto when peace finally does come.

Speaking at the opening of the Kibbutz Meuhad convention here, Mrs. Meir said: "We must not go back to the borders of before June, 1967, and must not reject the options of settling in the new territories. If the Arab leaders had turned to us for peace right after the Six Day War, they would have received much more than we are prepared to give them today, and in the future they will get even less."

Mrs. Meir said that important personalities had offered to act as go-betweens to create contacts between the Arab states and Israel. "We agreed, but all these attempts came to nothing, for Sadat does not have the courage to tell his people that he cannot defeat Israel on the battlefield and that it is therefore necessary to make peace with us."

Turning to the problem of Arab labour in the Jewish economy, Mrs. Meir cited as a warning example the course of the Bilu immigrants, who started off as pioneers and turned into gentlemen farmers employing Arab workers. "Rather than resign ourselves to the spread of Arab labour, I would return territories to stop it," she said.

Other speakers at the convention were Histedrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and Deputy Prime Minister Israel Galilee. The convention elected a new central council of 141 members.



HARPISTS. — Two of six ancient representations of harpists which have been put on view at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem in honour of the International Harp Festival, to be held in the Capital this month. The item on the left, a 18th-century B.C.E. ivory, was found at Megiddo, as was its companion, which graces an 11th-century B.C.E. pot.

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Computer saving irrigation water

REHOVOT. — Sixty per cent of the water normally used in irrigation has been saved in computer-aided field studies now being conducted in Northern Sinai by a team of soil and irrigation experts, it was announced Friday by Prof. Achi Brandt, head of the Weizmann Institute's Pure Mathematics Department.

He has been engaged in an experiment making use of sophisticated computer techniques in order to help them achieve maximum agricultural yields with minimum use of water. Other members of the team are from the Hebrew U. Faculty of Agriculture and the Volcani Centre.

Prof. Brandt receives information obtained from the field experiments and translates it into data which are fed into the Institute's computer to give mathematical descriptions of water flow patterns in the soil. The computer provides information which is used to take investigators entire agricultural seasons to obtain.

"The fact that we are able to get information quickly," Prof. Brandt said, "enables us to come closer to our goal of optimum irrigation periods, as well as rates of water discharge which take into account parameters such as weather, type of soil, and type of plants."

The multidisciplinary team is continuing its investigation with a view to achieving even greater reliability and applying the approach to other irrigation projects.

CONSTRUCTION OF Eilat's new 1140m. airport will start at the beginning of next year, Transport Minister Shimon Peres told a meeting of hotel owners in Eilat last week. The airport is due to be ready for use within three years.

SOCIALISTS CANCEL MALTA MEETING

LOD AIRPORT. — The Socialist International has decided to put off indefinitely its planned executive meeting in Malta. The decision came in response to an Israeli protest over remarks by the island country's Premier.

This was reported here by Labour Party Foreign Relations Department

chairman, Micha Harish, on his return Friday from last week's meeting of the International in London. Mr. Harish said the vote on the Israeli appeal was 1-1. Malta was one of the 12 countries represented.

Mr. Harish had reminded his fellow Socialists in London that Maltese Premier Dom Mintoff has recently compared Israel with the Nazis. Malta could hardly host the meeting after such grave insult to a sister-party, he had said. (Prime Minister Golda Meir is one of the Vice-Presidents of the International).

Mr. Harish told reporters here that "Mintoff said that Dayan and other 'madmen' wanted to continue the occupation. He also praised 'the glory of Palestinian terror'."

The Maltese representative in London complained after the vote that his country had already made preparation for the planned November meeting, Mr. Harish said. (Itim)

MANDATORY POLICE RELIVE OLD MEMORIES

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Once a policeman always a policeman. Some might be in their late sixties or early seventies, but when they turned up Thursday night, the veteran Jewish policemen of the Mandate period still had a youthful twinkle in their eyes and an athlete's walk.

The reunion at Beit Hatzaanan here was held to commemorate the publication of the book "The Hebrew Policeman during the Mandate." They came from all over the country, from the Negev and Galilee. But their numbers are dwindling, a veteran said sadly: "The last time we met, 10 years ago, we had twice this number."

What is the difference between the Mandatory policemen and those of today? We put this question to one of the veterans, Israel Weiner, today a Chief Magistrate in Jerusalem, who served in the police during the years 1936-46.

"At that time, whoever volunteered for the police was fulfilling a national duty. Because of it, I believe the volunteers were of a much higher educational level than today," he said. "This can be seen today in the number of judges, lawyers, high-ranking police officers and Government officials who came from our ranks."

"GOOD COPS TODAY, TOO" The Chief Magistrate added: "But I don't want you to get the wrong impression. I believe we have excellent policemen today." The Police Inspector-General, Rav-Nitzav Shaul Rosolio, who is known for his "stringency" in words, said it in one sentence. "I wish I had 10,000 men like these veteran policemen today." Tel Aviv's police commander, Nitzav David Ofer, added, "I would be happy with 1,000 like these in Tel Aviv."

Talking to the group, Nitzav Ofer stressed: "I think that the main difference between the Mandatory policemen and today's policemen is that the latter have their own Minister. The Mandatory policemen were looked upon as 'natives'."

"Even though I did not serve in the Mandatory police, I was in the British Army and we had the same feeling of serving a foreign body. This feeling of foreignness was felt in every step we took. I framed the form-letter of thanks that all the soldiers from the British Empire received from the Minister of War at the end of World War II. We Palestinian Jews were the only ones that in the sentence 'you fulfilled your duty to your country,' had the second 'your' crossed out very crudely, and replaced in handwriting by the word 'this.' We just simply did not have 'a country,' Nitzav Ofer said.

POLICE BADGE No. 1 Lawyer Yaacov Henigman had the police badge with number one on it. He was the first Jewish policeman under the British Mandate.

British Police Inspector Bill Williams is one of a small number of British police officers who remained in Israel after the end of the Mandate. Today he is a customs officer, speaks a good Hebrew, but with an English accent.

Ephraim Dekel, whose police job was a front, was southern commander of the Hagana Intelligence (the Shai). Eventually the British got wind of his real identity, and he managed, together with the late Moshe Sneh, to escape abroad.

Today Mr. Dekel is busy publishing books on his exploits. One of them, "Stories of the Shai," is still enjoying good sales in its Hebrew edition. English, Spanish and Yiddish editions have also come out.

Simha Heinik was the first Jewish policeman to be sentenced to death. "I was given the death sentence for killing seven members

of a large group of Arabs who tried to storm Tel Aviv during the riots of 1929. Later, the death sentence was commuted to 15 years of hard labour. I was eventually pardoned on the King's birthday, after serving nearly seven years," Mr. Heinik said.

"After being released I was not allowed to rejoin the police force, and British police detectives later hounded my commanding officer, trying to get me dismissed from the British Army during the war."

"The officer came over to me and asked me for my side of the story. He claimed that the detectives told him that I was a dangerous man. I told him that actually I had killed the seven Arabs in self-defence. It was either me or them."

"He then asked me how I had killed the seven Arabs. 'With the standard police rifle' was my reply. The officer gave me a pat on the back, and said, 'we need dangerous men like you in my unit,' Mr. Heinik said.

ATHENS TERRORISTS ADMIT 'MISTAKE'

ENS (Reuters). — Two Arab lists who moved down dozens of passengers in a bloody machine-gunned attack at Athens airport earlier this month told an investigating magistrate Friday they were the wrong people by mistake.

At the Athens Public Prosecutor's office, the case to a Council of Magistrates to issue an indictment for the Athens criminal court. The Arabs face six charges, including wilful homicide, which carries a death penalty. The prosecutor may fix a date for their trial for either late October or November.

ight security at Schiphol fter threats by terrorists

TERDAM (Reuters). — All roads around Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport have been closed since and are being patrolled by police as part of increased security measures following warnings of possible action by Palestinian terrorists at European airports.

Mayor of the Municipality of Amsterdam, Mr. C. van Stam, whose jurisdiction Schiphol falls, said on Friday night that the number of army tanks stationed at the airport had been doubled from two to four. More jeeps had

been supplied to the Royal Constabulary Police who were now patrolling the smaller roads which had been closed to all traffic except local residents.

Mr. van Stam added that the order closing the roads would remain in force until September 10, after which the measure could be repeatedly extended for further seven-day periods.

Major H.E. Gerritsen, commandant of the Dutch State Police at Schiphol, said after an emergency meeting of the airport's security committee on Thursday night: "We have received fresh warning of possible new actions in various European airports." He did not say who had given the warning.

Sister appeals to get body of Sabena hijacker

The sister of a slain plane hijacker appealed to the Supreme Court on Friday to order the return of her brother's body. The hijacker, All Shafik Taher, was killed when a Sabena airliner was freed at Lod Airport in May 1972.

Souheila Shafik Taha, of East Jerusalem, said in her appeal that the Foreign Ministry last year stated the bodies of the hijackers would be handed over "if proper application was made." She had requested the return of her brother's body more than a year ago, "submitting all the necessary papers," but her request had not been answered.

"This apparent refusal has made a mockery of the Israeli Government's announcements, obligations and credibility," claimed the appellant, "and strikes at the rights and the feelings of one who only wishes to see her brother buried according to the tenets of his faith and religion."

The appeal was submitted on behalf of the appellant by lawyer Felicia Langer. The Court will decide today whether to respond to the appeal or bring it before a three-judge Supreme Court panel.

'Akhbar el-Yom': 'Talks with Jew Kissinger same as with Israel'

CAIRO (AP). — A leading Egyptian political commentator said yesterday that dealing with U.S. Secretary of State-designate Henry Kissinger could be a substitute for satisfying Israel's demands for direct negotiations with the Arabs.

Ismail Abdel Kuddous, editor of the mass circulation "Akhbar el-Yom," said if Kissinger starts negotiations with the Arabs, it will be the same as talking with Israel, because he is a Jew. "Being a Jew will give Kissinger more power to reach a solution to the Mideast situation because he cannot be accused of taking a biased stand against Israel," he said.

Writing in his weekly editorial, Kuddous said if Kissinger succeeded in convincing powerful Zionist organizations in the United States of a new stand to solve the Israeli-Arab conflict, he might be able to solve the problem.

Prosecutor in Touni case threatened

AVIV. — Palestinian elected in London last week prosecutor Victoria Ostrovsky-Cohen to drop the case against Mohammed Ahmed al-Libyan who hijacked an aircraft to Lod Airport last month. Mrs. Ostrovsky-Cohen is handling the State's case against al-Touni.

A warning letter, signed with initials "F.W." and "W.Y.T.H.", he return address 129 Kings Road, London, warned Mrs. Ostrovsky-Cohen to consider "if it would be for a woman to conduct an investigation against the Israeli agent." She was told that "no more than 'one of Meir's Amazons'" and "leave the case to other

letter was written in the al-Libyan style used with official documents. But it was addressed in Arabic and English, not Hebrew but to "Palestine."

RUSSIAN PAPER: raeli spy ring ken in Amman

T (UPI). — The Jordanian news has uncovered an espionage network which was for the past 20 years, the paper "Al Hadeef," which speaks for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, reported Friday. The network was said to be headed by a former leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, P.L.O., who now resides in Amman.

Official confirmation of the report is immediately available. Newspaper said some of the members occupied high positions in the Jordanian government.

Birth certificates and by mail

will no longer be required original certificates. Interior Ministry spokesmen said on Friday that the certificates will be sent together with a letter from the Ministry. There will no longer be a need to go to the registry office to birth.

are advised, however, to birth in their identity too can be done by arrangement is one of the changes planned by the Ministry to make things easier for the public.

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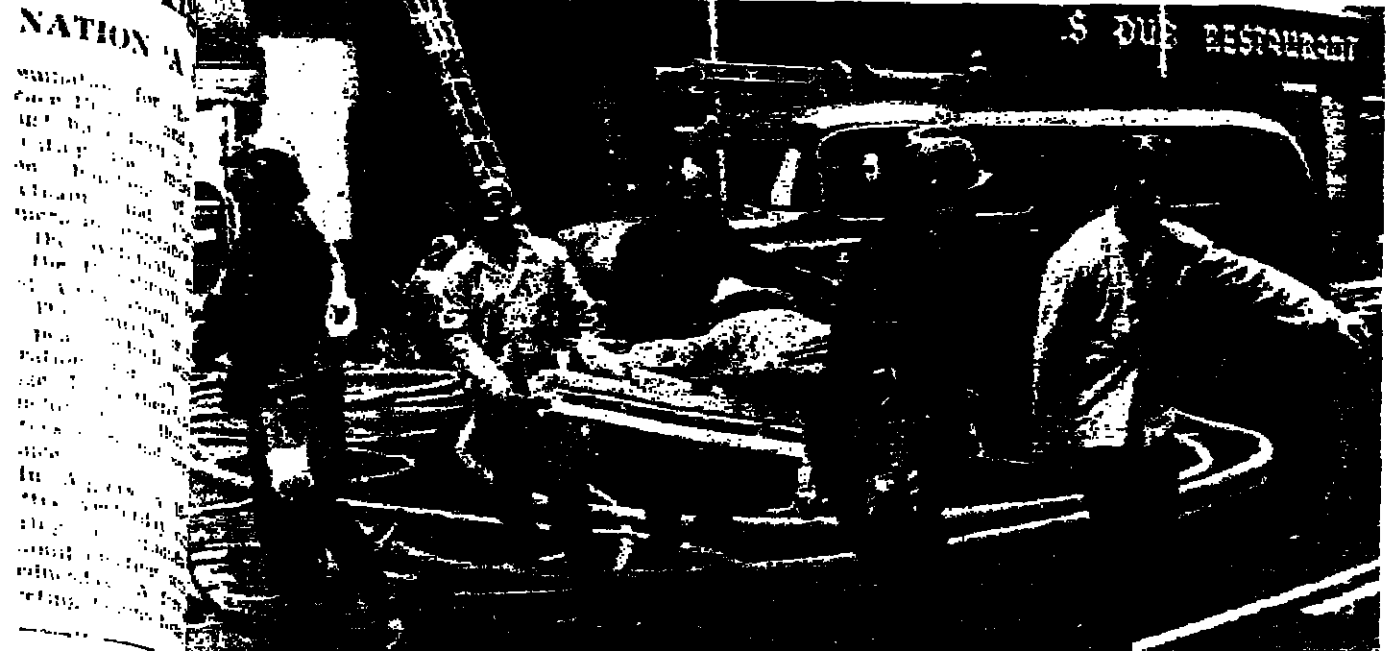
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3 die in Copenhagen hotel blaze



Victim of yesterday's Copenhagen hotel fire is carried to a waiting ambulance. (AP radiophoto)

MOST VICTIMS WERE TOURISTS INCLUDING CHILDREN

COPENHAGEN (Reuters). — At least 33 bodies had been brought to the morgue in the center of Copenhagen, yesterday, after a swift, disastrous fire swept the six-story hotel during the night. Many guests seemed to have been sleeping on upper floors when flames erupted from a lift shaft. Firemen at the scene of one of the city's worst fires said they feared bodies might still be buried under the debris. Most of the 74-year-old hotel's 85 guests were American, West German and Swedish tourists. Some were also in the hotel.

Mexico rejects offer to aid quake victims

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — Mexican President Luis Echeverria yesterday declined an offer of aid on day from President Nixon for victims of Mexico's worst earthquake. In his message to President Echeverria, President Nixon asked if United States could do anything to alleviate the suffering of the quake victims and their families. President Echeverria thanked President Nixon for his concern but said Mexico would use its own resources. He also declined an offer of aid from the Organization of American States. Diplomatic observers saw President Echeverria's action as an attempt to assert Mexico's economic strength and capability of dealing with domestic problems. The quake caused severe damage in the states of Puebla and Veracruz on Tuesday, leaving 700 people dead and 4,000 injured.

Foreman retains title in less than 2 minutes

TOKYO (Reuters). — A grim-faced George Foreman took less than two minutes to retain his title here yesterday, but then faced demands he be disqualified for landing a punch when his opponent was down. Fans who paid \$71 (11.70) for ringside seats saw one of the greatest mismatches in heavyweight history as Puerto Rico's Joe 'King' Roman was ignominiously hammered into first round defeat without even landing a scoring punch. But as he lay prostrate in the center of the ring squabbles began over Foreman's punch. Roman's manager, Bill Daly, was planning a formal protest to the World Boxing Association and Japan Boxing Commission against referee Jay Edson's handling of the fight. The first blow of the fight did the damage, a vicious right hook to the side of the head that appeared to freeze Roman's legs. Foreman followed up with powerful blows to the body and head that sent the challenger sliding down the ropes to the floor. But as he sat down, Foreman drew back and smashed another right hook to the side of the face. Roman's manager leapt on to the ring apron, protesting loudly to the referee, who did not take up the count and allowed the challenger several seconds to recover. But there was nowhere for Roman to run. Foreman moved in again and slammed home several more body blows before administering the coup de grace — a lethal right uppercut that sent his opponent pitching face first to the canvas.

British soccer

LONDON (UPI). — Results of yesterday's English League division one soccer matches: Birmingham 0, Derby 0; Burnley 2, Coventry 2; Chelsea 1, Sheffield United 2; Everton 3, Ipswich 1; Leicester 1, Liverpool 1; Manchester United 2, Queens Park Rangers 1; Newcastle 1, Arsenal 1; Norwich 2, West Ham 2; Southampton 2, Wolverhampton 1; Stoke 1, Manchester City 1; Tottenham 0, Leeds United 3.

Elephant hunting banned in Kenya

NAIROBI (AP). — The Kenya Government yesterday enforced a temporary ban on elephant hunting and all dealings in ivory effective yesterday.

The country's chief game warden, James Mutinda, said the ban was not being imposed because the elephant was threatened with extinction in Kenya, but to enable a research team to study ways of making regulations governing elephant hunting more effective.

Midget sub crew saved as oxygen runs out

CORK, Irish Republic. — Two Englishmen trapped in a midget submarine were rescued from the floor of the Atlantic yesterday, ending a dramatic three-day effort in the deepest undersea rescue ever achieved.

With barely a few hours of oxygen left, submariners Roger Malinsson, 26, and Roger Chapman, 28, were hauled to the surface in their 6 metre long craft Pisces III. Radio messages from the chief rescue ship, Vickers Voyager, reported both men were well. They found themselves trapped 400 metres below the Atlantic at a spot some 235 kms. southwest of Ireland last Wednesday while laying a telephone cable between Britain and Canada. The men's air dwindled closer and closer to what an official called "the drop-dead time" while two other submarines and a U.S. Navy undersea drone made dive after fruitless dive to help them. Then early yesterday the U.S. drone Curry III — the kind of device which took a hydrogen bomb dropped into the sea off Palomares, Spain, some years ago — reached the sea bed and in seven minutes attached an eight-inch-thick cable to the Pisces III. The craft, her after compartment flooded, was struck front end upward in the mud in the inky blackness and intense pressures of the deep sea bed. The Canadian ship John Cabot, hauling slowly and steadily, lifted the Pisces free of the bottom. Less than 3 1/2 hours later, the craft was on the surface and a Royal Air Force helicopter flashed the jubilant message, "the rescue is a success." (UPI, Reuters)

U.S. Baseball

Standings and Results				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Baltimore	72	54	.569	
Boston	71	55	.561	1 1/2
Detroit	71	55	.561	1 1/2
New York	69	57	.551	2 1/2
Milwaukee	66	60	.520	5 1/2
Cleveland	57	70	.447	12 1/2
WEST				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Oakland	70	54	.564	
Kansas City	74	50	.593	1 1/2
Minnesota	64	60	.516	5 1/2
Chicago	64	70	.478	10 1/2
California	61	63	.478	10 1/2
Texas	46	87	.346	25 1/2

National League

Standings and Results				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
EAST				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
St. Louis	68	50	.577	
Pittsburgh	65	53	.550	1 1/2
Chicago	64	59	.521	3 1/2
Montreal	63	70	.474	4 1/2
Philadelphia	62	71	.466	5 1/2
Washington	52	72	.418	12 1/2
WEST				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Los Angeles	68	52	.565	
Cincinnati	67	55	.550	1 1/2
San Francisco	73	59	.553	2 1/2
Houston	60	68	.469	10 1/2
Atlanta	55	70	.438	15 1/2
San Diego	48	85	.361	24 1/2

Nastase upset in U.S. tennis

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The co-top seed in the U.S. tennis championship at Forest Hills, Ili Nastase of Rumania, was beaten on Friday by Andrew Pattison of Rhodesia. The score was 6-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, in a match held over from Thursday evening.

'OLD MASTER OF DIRECTORS' U.S. film pioneer John Ford dies

PALM SPRINGS, California (Reuters). — John Ford, director of some of Hollywood's greatest movie classics and winner of four Academy Awards, died of cancer at his home at Palm Desert near here Friday. He was 73.

Ford earned the admiration of actors and critics alike for his achievements as a film director over more than half a century. Actor-producer Orson Welles was once asked to name his choice for America's top director. He replied: "The old masters — by which I mean John Ford, John Ford and John Ford."

Born on February 1, 1895, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, Ford followed his brother to Hollywood at the age of 19.

For more than 50 years, through the silent and "talkie" eras of Hollywood, he directed 130 films, many of them Westerns. He became an expert on the history and customs of western America and even learned to speak the language of the Navajo Indian tribe.

He used the Navajos for some of his greatest scenes and was made a member of the tribe. He gave John Wayne his first leading role in "Stagecoach" (1939), a classic Western produced in 1939. Although the film is regarded as one of Ford's greatest, he did not win an Oscar for it.

His first Academy Award came in 1935 when he won for "The Informant," made in three weeks. Star-



John Ford

North Yemen man shot in Beirut

BEIRUT (UPI). — Two gunmen shot and fatally wounded a North Yemen businessman in the lobby of his Beirut hotel yesterday, a North Yemen Embassy spokesman said.

Abdel Aziz Herawi, president of the Yemen Chamber of Commerce branch at Taex, North Yemen, was entering the hotel when the two gunmen shot him in the back, witnesses said.

The gunmen ran into the street, commandeered a private car and drove away. Police are searching for them, a spokesman said.

The motive for the attack on Herawi was not known, police said.

Globe of Mars assembled from 1,500 photos

PASADENA, California (Reuters). — Scientists have assembled the first detailed globe of Mars, it was announced yesterday.

The globe, more than four feet in diameter, was made up from 1,500 black-and-white photographs of the planet returned by the Mariner Spacecraft, which filmed it from orbit last year.

Called Photo-Mosaic, the technique involves using computers to rectify the angle of the shot so that each photograph appears to have been taken from directly above any given point.

The photographs were also corrected to an identical scale and developed with exactly the same degree of contrast, before being carefully stuck onto the aluminium globe.

It forms the first detailed map of any planet fashioned from space-craft photographs. Not even earth has been completely mapped in this way, according to Dr. Elmer Christensen, who headed the project team at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory here.

OCCOINE. — U.S. customs announced yesterday the arrest at Miami International Airport of three Latin Americans and the seizure of cocaine valued at more than \$4m. at current street prices. The cocaine was hidden in false bottom suitcases carried by three Latin Americans arriving from Peru.

Bonn Minister denies link to bribe

BONN (Reuters). — Horst Ehmke, West German Science Minister, denied yesterday he had told a Cologne newspaper he drew 50,000 marks (about £13,000) from secret Government funds the day before a no-confidence vote, in which former Deputy Julius Steiner claims he was bribed by the same amount.

A spokesman said Ehmke was prepared to give evidence before a parliamentary inquiry investigating allegations of bribery in parliament. "But he remains firm in his denial of all last week about money from Government funds being used for bribery. These rumours have just been cooked up by the opposition."

The Cologne newspaper "Koelner Stadt-Anzeiger" had sourced its story about the 50,000 marks on Ehmke itself. Dr. Ehmke said the money had not been used to bribe Steiner. The opposition Christian Democrats and Christian Social Union said Ehmke should be called before the commission, possibly under oath. A party spokesman said "there are serious doubts" about Ehmke's claim that the money did not go to Steiner, and he should explain publicly why he drew the money.

CAR. — Thieves stole the official car of the head of Johannesburg's stolen vehicles squad from outside his home. It was later found abandoned and undamaged.

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Execution of custody orders by force

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Haifa District Court delivered on November 11, 1972 (in Motion 4110/72).

The Haifa Rabbinical Court gave custody of the respondent, a ten-year old boy, to his father, the appellant. When the father applied to the Haifa Execution Office for execution of this judgment against the wishes of the boy, the Chief Execution Officer had recourse to section 62 of the Execution Law, 1967, which provides that: "(a) Where the judgment directs that a minor shall be surrendered, the Execution Officer shall surrender him to such person as the court has directed and he may, for that purpose, avail himself of the assistance of a welfare officer..." (b) Where the Execution Officer finds that the judgment can only be executed against the will of the minor and, in his opinion, the minor is capable of understanding the matter, or where the surrender of the minor involves other difficulties, the Chief Execution Officer may apply to the court which gave the judgment for directions."

After consulting with the Welfare Officer and the Execution Officer, the Chief Execution Officer came to the conclusion that the boy was capable of understanding the matter and that the custody judgment could only be executed against his will. He was subsequently requested by the boy's mother to apply for further directions to the Welfare Officer, which had been decided by majority decision to give custody of the boy to his father but had, also by majority decision, that this should not be done by force, against the will of the child.

After duly submitting an application to the Haifa Rabbinical Court, the Chief Execution Officer was informed by the court authorities that two of the dayanim who had handed down the original judgment were no longer in Haifa and he was advised to refer to the Supreme Rabbinical Court which had upheld the custody decision of the lower court. This he did and the Supreme Rabbinical Court instructed him to execute the lower court's judgment with the aid of all the means placed at his disposal by the Execution Law. He thereupon ordered the custody judgment to be executed, but the boy's mother appealed on his behalf to the Haifa District Court, which held that the judgment should not be executed by force against the will of the boy. The father appealed against this decision to the Supreme Court.

The appellant appeared on his own behalf and Mr. Weingarten appeared for the respondent.

Judgment

Justice Cohn, who delivered the first opinion of the Supreme Court,

In the Supreme Court Sitting as
Court of Civil Appeals

Before Justices Landau, Berinson
and Cohn.

A.B., Appellant, v. C.B., Respondent
(C.A. 653/72)

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agreed with the appellant that the Supreme Rabbinical Court's decision could not be interpreted otherwise than as an order to execute the custody judgment by force, against the will of the boy. However, he continued, he agreed also with the respondent's counsel that the court to which the Chief Execution Officer should have applied for further directions was not the Supreme Rabbinical Court but the Haifa Rabbinical Court, and that there would have been no difficulty in convening the same court as had originally heard the custody case and which, in view of the fact that the majority had already held that the custody judgment should not be executed by force against the will of the boy, would presumably have directed the Chief Execution Officer in similar terms in response to his request for directions.

Furthermore, continued Justice Cohn, the fact that the Supreme Rabbinical Court had handed down their decision without giving the parties an opportunity to state their cases, pointed conclusively to the fact that they had had insufficient information on which to base their decision, although he would, in respect for them, not go so far as to dub their action contrary to natural justice. And as to the appellant's argument that a court which is requested to give directions to the execution officer under section 62(b) of the Execution Law, does not have to give the parties an opportunity of stating their cases, all he could say, held Justice Cohn, was that the Execution Rules are not applicable to the rabbinical courts and that, in any case, if they did purport to lay down that the courts are not bound to hear the parties before issuing directions to the Execution Officer under section 62(b) of the Execution Law, does not have the force of law. On the other hand, he continued, procedure in the rabbinical courts is governed by their own rules, and these include the rules of natural justice, not only because these rules are an immutable foundation of all the judicial powers which the Israel legislature vests in rabbinical courts, but also because these self-same rules constitute a basis

for doing justice in accordance with the precepts of Biblical law (see Professor Silberg's article in Molad, 1966, p. 265).

Justice Cohn then went on to consider the question of whether the Chief Execution Officer had been bound to comply with the Rabbinical Court's decision to apply force in executing the custody judgment, after applying to them for directives. In deciding this question in the negative, he held that even in the case of a minor who is not capable of understanding the position, an execution officer would be entitled to exercise his discretion as to whether to use reasonable force in executing a judgment ordering his surrender to the custody of a person if there were opposition to the surrender on the part of the minor. He held that the part of the person to be deprived of custody — and this by virtue of section 80 of the Execution Law. All the more so, therefore, he held, would this be so in the case of a child who is not only capable of understanding the position but is able, like the respondent in the present case, to make his view quite clear and unequivocal.

Nor, continued Justice Cohn, was it material that the Chief Execution Officer had received directives from the Rabbinical Court, as he would still be bound, before resorting to the use of force, and obtaining assistance from the police to this end, to exercise the discretion vested in him by section 79 of the Execution Law and decide whether it would not be better for the good of the child to desist from using force at this particular time, even at the expense of failing to execute a court judgment. As to the argument that this exercise of his discretion would frustrate the provisions of section 62(b) of the Execution Law, held Justice Cohn, that the legislature must have presumed that a court which gives an original custody order would not enforce transfer of custody of a minor who is capable of understanding the position against that minor's will, and that, therefore, any resistance to such transfer on the part of a minor would be deemed to create a new situation which did not come within the framework of the court's directions.

In conclusion, Justice Cohn stressed that he did not wish in any way to derogate from the principle of enforcing court judgments and orders by every means made available by law and that he agreed, in ge-

neral, with the sentiments expressed by Justice Berinson in H.C. 40/68 (P.D. 17/1709) to the effect that no litigant would be permitted to make an empty letter of a court judgment to suit his own convenience. But he thought that an exception should be made when the judgment affected the fate of a child, as in his opinion the good of the child outweighed the respect due to a court judgment.

In short, concluded Justice Cohn, he was of the opinion that even if an execution officer had received a direction as to surrender of a child from a court under section 62(b) of the Execution Law, he should not exercise the discretion to use reasonable force vested in him by section 79(a), unless satisfied that this was consistent with the good of the child concerned. In the case under consideration, therefore, as it was clear from the material before the Execution Officer, including the report of the welfare officer and the opinions of two of the Haifa Rabbinical Court judges, that it would not be to the benefit of the respondent to have him transferred to the custody of the appellant by force, the Execution Officer should refrain from doing so and the appeal should be dismissed.

Justice Landau

In concurring that the appeal should be dismissed, Justice Landau noted at the outset that if the Chief Execution Officer had known that two of the rabbinical court judges had expressly stated that the respondent should not be handed over to the appellant by force and against his will, then it could safely be assumed that he would not have seen cause to apply once more to the court for further directions, when confronted with the respondent's opposition. However, the position today is, he continued, that the Chief Execution Officer has been directed by the Supreme Rabbinical Court to hand the boy over to his father by all means at his disposal, and if these directions were lawfully given, then in his opinion the Chief Execution Officer had no alternative but to comply with them.

However, held Justice Landau, he concurred with Justice Cohn that the directions issued by the Supreme Rabbinical Court were not lawfully given, as in accordance with section 62(b) of the Execution Law, the Execution Officer's application for directions must be referred to "the court which gave the judgment" — and that was the Haifa Rabbinical Court, and not the Supreme Rabbinical Court, which had merely confirmed the lower court's decision, upon appeal. If the original court, then in his opinion the Chief Execution Officer had no alternative but to comply with them.

He also agreed with Justice Cohn, continued Justice Landau, that any court, whether secular or rabbinical, to which an execution officer applies for further directions, is in duty bound to hear the parties before reaching a decision. But he took exception, he held, to Justice Cohn's opinion that the Chief Execution Officer had been entitled to exercise his discretion and refrain from using force in order to hand the boy over to the custody of his father even if he had received instructions from a competent court, under section 62(b), to do so. On the contrary, he was

of the opinion that because of the problematic nature of questions concerning the forcible transfer of custody of a child, the legislature had, in section 62(b), expressly deprived the execution officers of discretion and had referred them to the courts which handed down the original judgments for directions. These directions, he stressed, which come to complement the original judgment, are as binding upon the execution officers as the judgment itself. In short, concluded Justice Landau, it is inconceivable that the Chief Execution Officer should apply to a court which handed down a judgment for further directions, and having received them should then ignore them, particularly since a court may be presumed to have given the matter no less careful consideration than the execution officer would give it.

Justice Berinson

In concurring with Justice Landau, Justice Berinson added a few comments with respect to the discretion vested in the execution officers, by section 79(a), to use reasonable force in order to execute a custody judgment. He would say, he held, that in general an execution officer should exercise the discretion vested in him and resort to reasonable force in order to execute a judgment handed down by a competent court, as it was for this purpose that the whole institution of execution was created and execution officers appointed. However, section 62(b) says down the appeal procedure to be adopted in the case of resistance to a custody order, and although it is not phrased in mandatory terms, he was of the opinion, continued Justice Berinson, that the Execution Officer would do well to invoke it whenever he encountered difficulties and not take it upon himself to decide so difficult and delicate a problem. Once the Execution Officer had applied to the competent court for further directions, he continued, then he had no alternative but to obey these directions to the letter and he no longer had any discretion in the matter, although he agreed with Justice Landau that if the execution officer encountered further difficulties in executing these directions he could always return to the court and ask for additional instructions.

Appeal dismissed without costs. Judgment given on July 4, 1973.

Golan men jailed: concealed sedition

KUNEITRA — Two young Druse residents of Majdal Shams were sentenced by a military court last week to jail terms for failing to report seditious activities in the Golan Heights to the authorities.

Ahmad Salah Kattar, 20, was sentenced to six months and, immediately released, since he "has" already been in detention for that period. Majid Faris al-Ajami, 19, was sent to jail for three years.

The trial of two other defendants continues. All four constitute the third group from among 62 Golan Druse arrested and charged with sabotage and espionage since the spy ring was broken last January.



DROUGHT IN MALI: In the Sahara desert of West North Africa, the Tuaregs are used to facing the hardships of droughts. But even they are defenceless against the drought which has now struck Mali and its neighbouring countries, leaving no food in any oasis. They have travelled hundreds of miles to arrive completely exhausted at the capital, Timbuktu. Help is negligible and is often limited to a handful of grain supplies are stranded by lack of communications and transport. (Pascal Pugin, Agence France Press)

WORTH-WHILE RIS

Gala concert by the Golan Symphony Orchestra. Conductor: Ami Maayani. Soloists: Shulamit Mor, piano; Yuval Waldman, violin; Chai Aviv, Bass; Hava, August 23. Beethoven: "Prometheus" Overture; Chausson: "Poeme" for Violin and Orchestra; Prokofiev: Piano Concerto No. 1; Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5.



By including two solo concertos and two modern works in his programme, Maayani took on a daring challenge but the results were worth the risk. The concert also proved that the repertoire of youth orchestras need not be limited to pre-classical, classical and romantic music. At least some contemporary music is neither more difficult nor less rewarding than Mozart and can provide a no less stimulating experience.

There were, of course, many technical shortcomings and weaknesses in the orchestra's playing but one should bear in mind that it gathers only a few times a year and that the average age of its members is 18. Maayani treated the orchestra as though its members were professional musicians, and demanded not only a correct, but first and foremost, a

musically meaningful, performance. Beethoven's "Prometheus" what he can draw from the youngsters. The evening's highlight course the Symphony, in which Maayani revealed himself as a true interpreter of Shostakovich. The violinist Yuval Waldman, a little tense and his not strong enough to safely through the entire "Poeme." The other soloist Mor, exploited effective qualities of music and showed a fair technical technique.

The Israel Festival. Sergiu Luca, violin with Jonathan Zak as the piano. (Tel Aviv Museum, August 23). Clara Schumann: Romance; Robert Schumann: Romance; Brahms: Sonatas; Bach: Partita in D minor No. 2; Dvorak: Romantic Piece; Lavry: Hora; Ravel: "Tzigane."

Apart from Bach's Partita, no other work of real musical value was included in this programme and the contemporary and local repertoire were completely ignored. Lavry's Hora may be a good choice for an encore but is hardly a piece for the programme proper. The recital was thus lacking in substance, interest and variety. Under these circumstances Bach's Partita stood out conspicuously not only as in composition but also in performance. The two Romances by the Schumanns and the inevitable Brahms were not particularly impressive but

the Partita was a real showing. Luca in a competent light. Using a superb bow, and keeping vibrato in tact, Luca created a lovely and much more objective violin sound more like than a violin. Musically, performance was truly impressive, phrases all skilful and the polyphonic texture Chaconne brought out clarity. Even Jonathan Zak is able to give life to the items, the two Romance Sonatas. This left him two rewarding works, D minor Pieces and Ravel's in which he could fully capabilities. BENJAMIN

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TUNISIA EASING ABORTION LAWS

3 (UPI). — The Government has sent a law to parliament which would liberalize abortion, or of Public Health Mohamed announced last week.

It is one of the few Arab countries where abortion has been legal since 1957. The law gives the right to women but to a better living standard in a poor nation.

A new law placed before the Assembly will grant any woman the right to abortion during the first three months of pregnancy. The law gives this right only to mothers of at least living children.

The new law was proposed during an intense campaign in Tunisia for control and utilization of both men and women. President Habib Bourguiba said family planning is necessary to slow the nation's booming population.

He said the current rate of increase of more than 2.5 per cent which he said could ruin Tunisia's economic development.

Minister Meall said at the current rate 1.6m. more Tunisians will be born during the next ten years.

These births must be cut to 1m. by 1980.

Benjamin, president of Bio-Instrument Corp., developer of the laser, said last week that one of three lasers detects overhead wires such as low branches and wires, another emitted at waist level picks up walls, automobiles approaching people and the third at ankle-height warns the driver of curb edges and steps.

Benjamin described his device, which is battery operated and must be recharged after three hours of use at the annual meeting of the Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers. He said each device costs about \$2,800 and weighs 16 ounces.

The 1975 model, he hopes, will weigh even less and will cost only \$1,500, he said.

Burglars get away with bedroom suite

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(Mike Goldberg)

'FLEXIBILITY AND OPENNESS' AS NEW YEAR STARTS More democracy at school

Research into the use of new methods in the education network is beginning to bear fruit. JUDY SIEGEL reports on some innovations.

SCHOOLBAGS were taken down from shelves and dusted off, pencils were sharpened and anxious mothers bid their little ones good-bye, just as in times past. But, as 555,000 Israeli students and 50,000 teachers begin the new school year today, they will find that a number of educational innovations have been implemented.

"The new semester is typified by more flexibility and openness, and it is geared to meet the individual differences and needs of the students on all levels," explains Dr. Dan Ronen, the Adviser to the Minister of Education and Culture. "In the last two or three years, we have conducted extensive research in the democratization of education and, despite some resistance to change, it is now bearing fruit."

In an experiment modeled after a successful British method, 1,600 children aged five to eight will be combined in one educational framework. The programme is designed to allow each child to progress according to his own speed without demanding what he is not ready to fulfill and unnecessarily slowing down precocious students.

A "long day of education" is being intro-

duced in 33 schools throughout the country. In contrast to the "long school day" for the culturally-deprived which has received mixed reviews, this new effort will integrate both formal and informal social, athletic and creative activities for all sectors of the school population.

"Very bright children who are bored by classes below their capabilities can easily become behaviour problems," says Dr. Ronen. For the first time, 350 exceptional seven- to nine-year-olds will attend special science and liberal arts courses in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Beersheba. "Although it is designed to help them utilize their unusual abilities, they will be mixed whenever possible with the regular students so they are not made to feel abnormal," he continues.

The school week for third- and fourth-graders will be lengthened by two hours to include special activity classes. For fifth-graders in 63 different schools, courses in spoken Arabic will be compulsory.

"In secondary schools," says Dr. Ronen, "a greater emphasis is being placed on understanding and thinking, rather than on mere memorization." There will also be more open-book examinations and a wider choice of elective subjects. Sex education classes will begin on the intermediate and upper levels in those schools which are ready for it.

The children are not the only ones who will have to adapt. Teachers have been retrained in methods for stimulating their students' curiosity and sense of discovery. This year, many obsolete textbooks will be discarded, and 122 new ones, written by experts on the Education Ministry's Curriculum Development Centre and in the universities, will take their place.

As in previous years, there is an acute lack of qualified teachers, especially in the development areas. About 20,000 will be needed on

Dates of holidays

Here is a list of the dates of school holidays during the coming year. The dates are inclusive.

Rosh Hashana:	September 26-30
Yom Kippur:	October 5-6
Succot:	October 10-20
Hannukkah:	December 21-28
Tu-B'Shvat:	February 7
Purim:	March 8-9
Pessah:	March 28-April 15
Independence Day:	April 25
Lag Ba'Omer:	May 10
Shavuot:	May 26-28

School will end for high school students on June 21, and for grade school pupils on June 30. The next school year will begin on September 1, 1974.

a nationwide scale in the next five years. Only a few dozen classes will not have a teacher behind the desk at the onset of the school year, but that is due to the inclusion of 3,000 men and women into the staff who have not yet completed the requirements for teaching certificates. "However, that does not mean that they are not good teachers or cannot do the job," emphasizes Dr. Ronen.

To fill the gap, teachers who have recently immigrated to Israel, especially from the United States and the Soviet Union, are being mobilized and re-trained, and the teachers' seminars and university schools of education are being enlarged.

Dr. Ronen feels that "despite the obstacles and strains on the educational system, our new techniques will make the 1973-1974 school year a successful one."

Handicapped tourists cope

By MIRIAM FELDMAN
Special to The Jerusalem Post

OVER 50 handicapped people, plus two social workers, accompanying relatives, and one attendant. This was the description Yair Hendel, Assistant Manager for Group Tours, and Baruch Sela, Assistant Manager of the Group Department at Daphna Tours, received from the Federation of the Handicapped in New York.

Masada, the Golan Heights, the Old City, standard tourist stops on an eight-day itinerary. As they wait for the group to arrive at Lod Airport, the representatives from Daphna Tours and the Voluntary Tourist Service wondered, "Can the group handle it?"

Yair and Baruch tried to anticipate the group's needs. Hotels and restaurants were chosen for easy accessibility. Managers were advised to anticipate on-the-spot changes, such as removing doors to allow wheelchairs to pass through. Guides and drivers were carefully chosen for their sensitivity and willingness to perform extra services.

As the plane landed, the results of careful planning showed. Special security arrangements enabled the buses to approach the plane. The lift generally used to bring food onto the plane brought the passengers, smiling and waving, down to the ground.

Illusions about the group's "help-

lessness" disappeared quickly. Miriam Ehrlich and Morris Golub, group workers for the Federation's recreation department, insisted that the standard itinerary be followed. Each group member would decide for himself if an activity was beyond his ability. And, as the guides and drivers saw with awe, no one ignored the challenge.

Danny Pipano and Akiva Goldberg were the guide and driver for one bus; Yosef Shefi and Elitza Nimschovitch for the other. For them, as well as for the participants, this was an unforgettable tour. They spoke of their groups with pride.

One guide told of the trip to Masada. "No one wanted to be left behind in wheelchairs or on crutches, leaning on us or carried by an attendant, everyone tried to climb to the cable car." He especially recalled Pearl Sachs, who said, "If I climb Masada if I have to do it on all fours." And she climbed, drawing her strength from her determination.

At the Wall

The trip to the Western Wall was also remarkable. It was a special Friday night surprise, planned by the staff. When they told the group of the plan and of the anticipated

difficulties, the guides expected a small turnout. To their surprise, 90 per cent of the group gathered for the special trip. Since it was Friday, Danny explained, volunteers were hard to find, so the guides, drivers, and relatives walked with the group, three people on each wheelchair. Those who were able supported others. At last, the group reached the Wall. Members moved forward, wanting to get close enough to pray at the Wall itself and to slip a note into its crevices. It was an evening neither they nor their guides and drivers will forget.

How to fall

The staff was most impressed with each member's determination to be as independent as possible. When Frances, a woman with braces on both legs, fell, she reassured her anxious guide, "I know how to fall. We learned how to fall without being injured." A woman in her sixties praised the guides after the trip to the Wall, telling them they knew more than the psychiatrist who had thought the group couldn't do it.

At dinner in Tel Aviv the atmosphere was gay and festive. Conversation was lively and on a wide range of subjects.

The subject of physical disability came up only once. A girl named Ellen said that when she was twelve doctors said she would never walk again. Her mother fought to have her admitted to a rehabilitation centre. There, they told Ellen she might be able to walk within three years. Eight months later, she walked out the door. How did she do it? "I wanted to, and I knew I could."

State of mind

Creating a self-reliant and independent state of mind is the goal of the Recreation Programme for Adults at the Federation of the Handicapped. "We stress social independence and emphasize ability not disability," explained Mrs. Ehrlich, one of the group workers. "On our trips we deliberately take only two staff members, so that the participants will have to do more for themselves." Mr. Golub noted that the Federation's programme indirectly educates the public also. "Seeing our people at shows, in restaurants, on tours creates public awareness of their ability to live full, productive lives."

The group's trip to Israel was a tremendous event for the participants and for all who had the pleasure of sharing it with them.

READING ROOM FOR WOMEN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The fifth floor of Jerusalem's central municipal library at Beit Ha'am houses a bright, airy room with round tables, easy chairs, soft music and shelves of colourful volumes. It is the first reading room in Israel reserved especially for books of interest to women, officially opening today.

Planned by Rachel Cohen, the library's director for the past 11 years, it is patterned on a library for women in Paris named after the celebrated feminist Marguerite Durand. This has thousands of books, journals and documents on the status, work and activities of women in all types of societies. A similar institution also exists in London.

With telephone calls daily requesting such information, she felt that a women's library would also be useful in Israel. The Cultural Department of the Municipality and a half-dozen volunteers from "Scorptimists" helped establish the reading room.

Over 400 books, periodicals and

collections of newspaper clippings have been accumulated with donations of money and materials from the public. She hopes eventually to convert the room into a regular lending library when enough books are collected.

The subjects are for the most part domestic and the most liberating: cooking, interior decorating, hairstyles, flower arranging, education in the home, do-it-yourself projects, women's health problems and physical fitness. The history of women's suffrage and the laws and position of women throughout the world. About half of the books are in Hebrew, with the remainder in English, German, Spanish, Dutch, Arabic, Yiddish and Russian.

One of the main purposes of the special service is to attract women who would not ordinarily come to a library. "If they enjoy books on cooking or child care, they may try others and expand their intellectual horizons," says Rosalie Rosenfeld, a volunteer reading room adviser. In addition, Mrs. Cohen hopes that shy women will do research on their own personal and inti-

mate questions in the reading room rather than leave them unanswered.

The Beit Ha'am library is also organizing special cultural events by poets and writers on topics of interest to women.

The room is open on Sundays and Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon. Male readers are admitted.

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STATEMENT PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CIRCULAR No. 216 OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL TREASURY SAVINGS AND INSURANCE AUTHORITY (DATED JANUARY 15, 1970)

A. ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE HEAD OFFICE IN ENGLAND

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1971 AND 1972.

	1972 £	1971 £		1972 £	1971 £
Share capital, reserves and surplus	40,909,301	27,000,388	Investments	2,678,488,687	2,406,354,469
Life assurance funds (including Contingency funds)	2,534,260,650	2,514,126,268	Fixed assets	—	—
General insurance fund	33,563,512	31,307,723	Other assets	98,631,183	50,812,628
Outstanding claims	33,862,181	41,528,595			
Other liabilities	117,464,285	72,661,908			
	<u>2,775,119,879</u>	<u>2,487,167,097</u>		<u>2,775,119,879</u>	<u>2,487,167,097</u>

DETAILS OF LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS AND REVENUE FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1971 AND 1972

	1972 £	1971 £
Life assurance premiums (including annuities)	301,310,556	281,905,445
General insurance premiums	83,234,536	65,234,267
Profit (loss) from Life assurance	3,474,281	6,239,973
*Profit (loss) from General Insurance	1,487,266	975,933
Income from investments not allocated to a specific class of business	5,374,560	4,035,171
Business profit (before provisions and dividends but after taxation)	12,625,447	8,067,316

*Note: Profit from General Insurance is after crediting interest amounting to £4,450,327 for 1972 and £3,577,276 for 1971 included in income from investments not allocated.

B. DETAILS OF LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN ISRAEL

INSURANCE BUSINESS AND REVENUE FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1971 AND 1972

	1972 IL 000	1971 IL 000
Life assurance premiums and policy fees	8	—
General insurance premiums and registration fees	5,185	6,528
Profit (loss) from Life assurance business	377	(124)
Profit (loss) from General Insurance business	(1,538)	(1,201)
Income from investments not allocated to insurance accounts	236	129
Business profit (loss)	(935)	(105)

SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES IN ISRAEL AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1971 AND 1972

(AS DETAILED IN FORM No. 17)

	1972 IL 000	1971 IL 000
Liabilities in Israel	11,441	8,769
Approved investments in Israel	5,446	6,722
Excess (Deficit) in investments in Israel	(1,995)	(2,248)
Unapproved investments in Israel	821	574

Report of the Auditors

We have examined the above statement and confirm that the amounts stated in —

- (i) part A are in accordance with the accounts of the Company as submitted to its members and upon which we reported as auditors under date of 18th April 1972 for the year ended 31st December 1971 and the 12th April, 1978 for the year ended 31st December, 1973;
- (ii) part B are in accordance with the books of the Company, the returns from the Company's agents in Israel incorporated therein and the above-mentioned accounts.

London, 10th August, 1978

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NOTES:

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WALDHEIM'S ADVENTURES

BEFORE leaving Israel Dr. Waldheim, the U.N. Secretary-General, indicated that he hoped to make a personal contribution to the solving of problems in this part of the world. It cannot be denied, however, that it was precisely his personal reaction and attitude which had caused shock and resentment, after a moment of sheer incredulity, when it was learned on Thursday that he had not only failed, but refused repeated pleas, to cover his head with a cap when he entered the Holocaust memorial in Yad Vashem.

He should of course have brought his own best black hat, like Chancellor Brandt. If he had forgotten that the need for a hat might arise, or perhaps not realized that the memorial, with its urn of ashes, is a house of prayer, he should have accepted the urgent advice of Dr. Gideon Hausner, M.K. and prosecutor in the Eichmann trial, who would surely not have tried to press him unless it was necessary.

Dr. Waldheim's own subsequent explanation suggests that the thought uppermost in his mind was that, as Secretary-General, he should not allow himself to appear to become identified in any way with Israel. That it was a world-wide Jewish, not simply an Israeli custom, he was disregarding, and that the Holocaust is not any part of the issue between Israel and the Arab states, but

between the Jews and Hitler, a man of Austrian origin, may have escaped him in a moment of confusion and anxiety. A day later Dr. Waldheim did his best to make amends by donning a white skullcap to visit the synagogue at Ayelet Hashachar and demonstrating that there had been no intentional disrespect. Still his action would have ranked, as a failure of some sort to accord Israel the right to its customs and observances. Strangely, it was to be expunged by Dr. Waldheim's next *passé* pas, when he innocently toasted "your beautiful capital, Jerusalem" forgetting for a moment the particular U.N. myth which still holds the city to be a separate political unit, like West Berlin. He asked to withdraw the remark later, explaining that of course he had not wished to go contrary to any official opinion of the U.N. But just as he had not been able to remove the unpleasantness of his failure to recognize Yad Vashem for what it is, he could not erase the fact that he knows, as we know, and some other nations know, because it is self-evident, that Jerusalem has been Israel's capital since 1948.

If the phrase was inadvertent, it was the more significant for that. The loud Arab protests are evidence that they are also aware that on occasion a slip of the tongue can be more significant than a flow of oratory.

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ICAO'S NEW SINS

Davar (Histadrut) says that to the ICAO's glaring past omissions in failing to take action against Arab air piracy, the organization now adds sins of commission. As in the past, the only effective check against such terrorism remains the long arm of Israel, whose benefits are enjoyed even by those who hypocritically condemn it.

Al Hanihshar (Mapam) agrees that no contribution has been made to air safety. Many of the nations that voted for the measure are themselves guilty of harbouring skyjacker past and present. On the other hand, the British attempt

to amend the sanctions clause is an indication that sanctions may not be imposed automatically.

Omer (Histadrut) says the condemnation was the result of Arab pressure, and shows how readily justice is disregarded when the injured party is Israel.

Shalom (Poalei Agudat Yisrael), discussing the U.N. Secretary-General's visit, attributes the relative lack of excitement to the reduced U.N. presence here, the concomitant improvement in the security situation, and what it calls a "decline in the stature of the successive secretaries-general."

Ha'aretz (non-party), writing on Gahal's pre-election activities, blames that party for refusing to grant the growing strength of the Free Centre list representation on the proposed party slate.

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Arab militants' influence wanes FEISAL'S NEW LINE-UP



Feisal... steering to leadership?

(Paris Match-Camera Press)

THE Middle East has, in the past few weeks, seen a flurry of activity by Arab governments, much of it at least ostensibly concerned with ending the six-year impasse that has set in since the Six Day War.

Prominent was Egypt which expressed fears that the new U.S.-Soviet detente would serve to freeze world trouble spots, such as the Middle East, for the next twenty or thirty years.

The Arabs, and Egypt in particular, seem to feel that if they cannot break the Middle East deadlock through diplomatic manoeuvres in the next few months, they would have to resort to military means (which would take them several years of preparation) or resign themselves to three decades of waiting. Immediate activity within this context is concentrated on the current Middle East tour of U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim. The Arabs hope he will accept their interpretation of Security Council resolution 242 of November 1967 in which "withdrawal from territories" is said to mean Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 frontiers, and "just settlement of the refugee problem" is interpreted as the "restoration of the rights of the Palestinian people."

The Arabs' next target will be the non-aligned conference due to open in Algiers on September 5. Then comes the U.N. General Assembly session later in the month.

The major offensive, however, is in Washington where the new Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, is expected by the Arabs to initiate a Vietnam-type diplomatic breakthrough in the Middle East, to support U.S. interests, mainly with regard to oil. The importance given to this offensive was indicated by Egyptian President Sadat's secret five-day visit last week to Saudi Arabia, the Persian Gulf state of Qatar, and Syria. He emphasized his stay in Saudi Arabia which is both a major oil supplier and an ally of the U.S.

Saudi Arabia, obviously realizing that the Arabs need the American money as much as the U.S. needs Arab oil, has objected to any direct pressure on the U.S., which is anyway unlikely to be affected by an Arab-initiated emergency crisis before the 1980s. Instead, the Saudi Arabians advocated use of Arab oil to consolidate the military and economic

strength of the Arab states directly in confrontation with Israel. Saudi Arabia's King Feisal has slowly steered himself into a position of strength where he can now pull the strings around the Middle East.

Dominating the finances which control military strength, King Feisal is taking advantage of this position to establish a new Arab alignment and exclude the Arab militancy which threatened even his regime.

Feisal's efforts seemed directed at an alliance between him and Egypt-Syria,

both of which would then in Jordan, another projected p. The new line-up's aim is t Arab unit of effective polit and military influence in th crisis. A limited and rather seems planned for the Palest movement.

One of the immediate out new grouping has indeed b of the influence of Arab milit that of Libya, which after t dus from Egypt in July of been playing a major role East politics, through its pr with Cairo. The rapproche Egypt and Saudi Arabia ha given President Sadat's secon the Egyptian-Libyan merge the two countries have now nominal "unity" after the 1 for yesterday failed to mate The announcement this w dat and Gaddafi, stating th tion to merge in stages, s in content. On the contrary to form a 100-man counit of 50 Egyptians and 50 Liby to stir a ferment among t who number over 35 million million.

Probably the most promi this stage is that the Liby gine suspects Sadat of atten mantle Nasserism, which Ga Just two weeks ago Egyt ident, Mohamed Naguib, brok an 18-year silence to he had been released from ho years ago by Sadat, adding i publish his memoirs which with his conflict with Nasse, toppled him. Gaddafi's first r was that Naguib's sudden re the political scene was par aimed at destroying the pe and legend of Gamal Abdul-N and Gaddafi is thus not only in with Sadat, who is conducti serization campaign to build his own, but also with the i monarch, who with his cum cynical smile, appears t himself to pan-Arab leadersh turmoil of Middle East polit

TAKING IT OUT ON EGGED

IT is hard to tell exactly what is bothering Mr. Friedler, but there is no doubt whatsoever that in his article he gave expression to many other troubles which apparently beset him in Israel.

His content of the issue entirely, attacking the Transport Ministry for doing nothing, when everybody knows that the Transport Ministry is doing a great deal indeed. It seems to me that Transport Minister Shimon Peres and Deputy Minister Gad Ya'acobi are extremely active and do not hesitate to introduce new and modern ideas, even though it is not always possible to put them into operation on an old infrastructure.

What, for example, can be done about Jerusalem's Jaffa Road, a narrow, antiquated street in which the bulk of the city's commerce is concentrated and in which there is also a market? In our opinion, private vehicles should be barred from Jaffa Road, which should be open only to buses and taxis. But I'm not sure that the gentlemen of The Jerusalem Post would agree to this proposal.

One may agree that urban bus travel could be more comfortable, but there are no grounds whatever for complaints about most of the interurban services, especially the Haifa-Jerusalem route. No matter what the author's original intention and however nostalgic he may be for the bus services that he knew there, I maintain that nowhere is there an interurban bus service as extensive and as highly developed as that operated by Egged in Israel. Consider, for example, the Haifa-Jerusalem link to which Mr. Friedler refers, and you will find that the residents of Haifa have a

A recent article by Ya'acov Friedler in these columns on the agonies of travelling by urban and inter-urban buses has elicited this reply from Egged spokesman Mordechai Shifman, who enlists psychology, suggesting that troubled Israelis in the throes of complex problems find cathartic relief in attacking the bus cooperative.

number of transport facilities at their disposal in both directions. First, there is an excellent line from Haifa to Tel Aviv (number 821), and a line, rapid service from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem (401). Then there is the direct Haifa-Jerusalem route via Lydda and Ramle (945). Anyone who complains about a service like this ought to find out what is really at the bottom of his annoyance.

Once we were told that the bus windows didn't open. Even then, the complaint was exaggerated. Nowadays most of the vehicles have European-style sliding windows, which do not open only if you do not open them.

All the time

The position with regard to queues and cleanliness is improving all the time and however unpleasant this may be for the public to hear, the bus cooperatives have done much more to improve cleanliness and to keep order in the queues than the passengers themselves.

Every time I read in The Jerusalem Post a Jerusalem on public transport in Israel, I have a strong

feeling that the writers think they are the only people who have ever been abroad, and that nobody else has ever seen the terrible congestion in the Paris Metro or the London Underground, or never had an endless wait for a packed bus in London's Oxford Street. Anyone would think that travelling by bus in London, Paris, New York, or any other metropolis is a pleasure and only in Israel it is torture.

Dear writers to the newspapers, be a little more fair and reconcile yourselves to the fact that transport difficulties in Israel are not caused by the buses but by the private vehicles which block the streets and demand equal rights with buses carrying 50-60 passengers while private cars carry one or two persons. Why is it that in cities like Vienna, Geneva, Munich and many others the trams or trolleybuses travel in the middle of the road and no private driver would dare interfere with them, and when they stop in the middle of the street to let off passengers all the vehicles behind them stop or make way for them and their passengers? Why is it that here, in Israel, every private driver thinks that it is the bus that is superfluous and causes all the trouble?

The Egged and Dan bus cooperatives together have 4,000 buses against 400,000 vehicles of other categories, not a single one of these drivers, or so it seems to me, realizes that it is the overwhelming majority of private vehicles which are the cause of the trouble.

If Mr. Friedler really wishes to improve the situation, let him fight for preference to be given to public transport, as is the natural practice everywhere else in the world.

Readers' letters

Drivers and passengers

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The most unfortunate aspect of the Transport Ministry spokesman's reply (August 23) to Mr. Ya'acov Friedler's charges against the bus service is that he reply, unwittingly, proved Mr. Friedler's point; namely, for some reason, the bus passenger feels he is boarding a cattle car and not a conveyance for humans.

The reply spoke in proud, governmental terms of all the improvements that the Ministry was working day and night to bring about. This is all wonderful and shows that someone is earning his salary. However, the reply mentioned not one word concerning the way the drivers treat their passengers. The fact that some bus drivers are courteous and patient indicates that this is possible. The trouble is that the Transport Ministry should think only of how to improve the buses, but not the quality of the bus service.

Cent. Courses should be held on how drivers should treat their passengers. Monitors should spot-check the drivers' behaviour, reprimanding or fining rude or inconsiderate drivers. More consideration and courtesy are just as important as more equipment.

STEPHEN I. HURWITZ
Jerusalem August 23.

Sir, — In your two articles on buses in Israel, you refer to the bus companies' and the Government's responsibilities, but you omit to talk about the passengers' attitude. Were they more disciplined, there wouldn't be so many complaints. Why don't the drivers require their passengers to queue without pushing before they open the door? Bus drivers and passengers should learn what civil behaviour is.

THIERRY DUCARME
Givatayim, August 23.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am constantly amazed by Israel's concern over small groups of Christians out to convert Jews to Jesus. If, during the last 2,000 years, we have never been able to make even a dent in the Jewish world (the occasional convert here and there seems cancelled out by the occasional convert to the other side) with, of course, the notable exception of forced conversions, love it or leave it at sword point, why then should there be any threat today?

If the day should ever come when Christians as a whole learn to love one another and, by their example, show a wholly new concept of love and understanding among men and thereby become some sort of a challenge to their non-Christian neighbours, then there will be time enough to take action.

However, given the history of the last 2,000 years, the possibility of such a threat seems vague and remote to say the least. Why worry?

DEL LEDERLE
Tel Aviv, August 19.

Prevalence of Yiddish

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — While I am, on the whole, very pleased with Mr. Wigoder's review of my monograph on "The Sociology of Yiddish in America" (August 16) even though there are a few points where it may not be clear to the reader that the views expressed or information relayed are Mr. Wigoder's rather than mine, I would like to correct one item to which he refers. By the time the monograph was in page-proof, it became clear from 1970 U.S. census reports that earlier estimates as to the prevalence of Yiddish mother-tongue claimants in the U.S. were under-estimates by a very wide margin. As a result, I added a footnote to the effect that the number of claimants of Yiddish mother-tongue in 1970 was 1,620,000 (not 800,000 as Mr. Wigoder reports), of whom 70 per cent were American born, or, all in all, some 26 per

cent (not 10 per cent) of the American Jewish population.

Your readers may be interested in the above correction (particularly since it supports my conclusion that the days of Yiddish are far from being over), as well as in the most nearly comparative statistic for Israel, where 31.3 per cent of the Jewish population aged 14 and over claim to understand Yiddish as of the first quarter of 1973. Here too, then, Yiddish is alive and kicking, as is simply documented in my companion monograph (written together with David B. Fishman) on "Yiddish in Israel: a case-study of efforts to revise a monocentric language policy."

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(on leave from Yeshiva University)
Jerusalem, August 16.

INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have been reading in The Jerusalem Post during the last few days that all the world is condemning the abduction of an Arab airliner on August 10 by Israeli jet fighters, while it forgets government-sanctioned interception of civilian airliners by France, Algeria and Libya during the past few years. This reminds me of the last sentence in Maurice Samuels' book, "You Gentler," "Whatever we do we are damned and I would rather be damned standing up than lying down."

ENRIKO NAHUM
Bat Yam, August 15.

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